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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- PREMIER CHIANG'S TV INTERVIEW WITH ABC'S HARRY REASONER
TELEVISED IN U.S. DECEMBER 22 RECEIVED FRONTPAGE TREATMENT
IN ALL PAPERS DECEMBER 25. PREMIER CHIANG QUOTED AS SAYING
IF U.S. RECOGNIZES RED CHINA, IT WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE
NOT ONLY TO ROC BUT TO U.S., ASIA AND ENTIRE WORLD. IT IS
MATTER OF GREAT HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WILL HAVE
VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND ANY DECISIONMAKER WILL HAVE
TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT IT. HE SAID ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HABIB TOLD HIM IN TAIPEI THAT EVEN AFTER PRESIDENT FORD'S
VISIT TO CHINA MAINLAND, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND ROC
REMAINS UNCHANGED. HE TOLD HABIB THERE ARE SHARP DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN ROC-U.S. AND U.S.-PEKING RELATIONS AND THAT U.S.
AND ROC SHARE SAME PHILOSOPHY, IDEOLOGY, INSTITUTIONS AND
WAY OF LIFE; THEREFORE CAN COMMUNICATE VERY FREELY WITHOUT
HAVING RESORT TO ANY GUESSWORK.

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-- LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) IN

DECEMBER 27 EDITORIAL SUPPORTING PREMIER CHIANG'S REMARKS DURING REASONER INTERVIEW SAID U.S. HAS MADE MISTAKEN SUPPOSITIONS ON COMMUNIST CHINA'S INTENT CONCERNING PRC-SOVIET CONTENTION, PRC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS AND NEW BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA. U.S. SHOULD KNOW ONLY WAY TO CHECK SOVIET EXPANSION AND BUILD NEW BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA IS TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC, FREE AND UNIFIED CHINA BY LIBERATING 800 MILLION CHINESE ON MAINLAND. OTHER PAPERS CARRIED SIMILAR COMMENT.

-- ALL PAPERS DECEMBER 31 PROMINENTLY REPORTED PREMIER CHIANG'S NOVEMBER INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD NEILAN OF U.S. COPLEY NEWS SERVICE AS CARRIED IN SAN DIEGO UNION DECEMBER 28 ACCORDING TO CNA. PREMIER CHIANG WAS QUOTED AS MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT MAINLAND VISIT ONLY STRENGTHENED CHINESE COMMUNISTS' DICTATORIAL RULE AND EXACERBATED AGONY OF CHINESE PEOPLE, (2) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EASE TENSION BY DEALING WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS; PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND OTHER PARTS OF WORLD CAN BE ENSURED ONLY AFTER FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ARE RESTORED TO ALL OF CHINA, (3) IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ROC TO COOPERATE WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN ANY FIELD, (4) TO FREE MAINLAND COMPATRIOTS IS UNCHANGEABLE POLICY OF ROC, (5) AS LONG AS CAPITALIST WORLD EXISTS, NEITHER RUSSIAN NOR CHINESE COMMUNISTS WILL UNDERTAKE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST EACH OTHER AND (6) EXAGGERATED PROPAGANDA ABOUT POSSIBLE WAR BETWEEN PEKING AND MOSCOW HAS BLURRED DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE IN ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE, PARALYZED FREE WORLD'S VIGILANCE, DISRUPTED UNITY OF DEMOCRATIC CAMP AND HAS DESTROYED WALL OF CONTAINMENT THAT PROVED QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN PAST; IT HAS ESPECIALLY WEAKENED U.S. LEADERSHIP IN FREE WORLD.

-- OFFICIAL KMT CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000) EDITORIALY SUPPORTED PREMIER CHIANG'S OBSERVATIONS IN NEILAN INTERVIEW, ESPECIALLY THAT ONLY THROUGH LIBERATION OF MAINLAND CHINA CAN PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND OTHER PARTS OF WORLD BE ENSURED.

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-- IN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ANGOLA, CENTRAL DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 28 SAW POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER VIETNAM OR CAMBODIAN WAR SINCE NO BACKDOWN POSSIBLE ON SOVIET OR MAOISTS SIDES AND SINCE NO RESULTS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ATTEMPTS TO FORM COALITION AMONG THREE FACTIONS -- A FORMULA REPEATEDLY TESTED BUT FREQUENTLY A FAILURE BOTH IN EUROPE AND ASIA. NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (90,000) WARNED U.S. OF DANGER OF CONTINUALLY SUBMITTING TO SOVIET PRESSURES IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. LOSS OF INDOCHINA SHOULD BE FINAL LIMIT FOR U.S. RETREAT.

-- ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORTED LEGISLATIVE YUAN'S
DECEMBER 26 ADOPTION OF ROC'S TV-RADIO ACT. ACT WILL
TRIM AD TIME TO 15 PERCENT WITH 45 PERCENT OF TIME DEVOTED
TO NEWS, EDUCATION, CULTURE, PUBLIC SERVICES AND EXPLAINING
GOVERNMENT POLICIES. EDITORIALS IN UNITED DAILY NEWS,
CHINA TIMES (350,000) AND YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS (80,000)
URGED GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO DO THEIR BEST IN IMPLEMENTING
LAW AND URGED TV-RADIO ENTERPRISES TO ABIDE BY REGULATIONS
AND USHER IN NEW ERA FOR ROC'S NEWEST MASS MEDIA.

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2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- ON DECEMBER 23, POST DISTRIBUTED REPRINTS OF THE
HORIZONS SPECIAL SECTION "U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN TRANSITION"
TO 373 PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN POLICY
DEVELOPMENTS. ONE RECIPIENT, NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY
HISTORIAN CHANG CHUNG-TUNG, CALLED USIS DECEMBER 30 AND SAID
HE FOUND DOCUMENT SO USEFUL HE WANTED ADDITIONAL 20 COPIES
FOR CAREFUL STUDY BY HIS SENIOR STUDENTS. A RETURNED
FULBRIGHT RESEARCH GRANTEE, CHANG IS A DIPLOMATIC HISTORIAN
WHO FREQUENTLY CONTRIBUTES TO DISCUSSION OF SINO-AMERICAN
RELATIONS WITH NEWSPAPER COLUMNS, ARTICLES IN INTELLECTUAL
JOURNALS AND PARTICIPATION IN LOCALLY SPONSORED SYMPOSIA.

-- FROM DECEMBER 16 TO 20, USIS TAICHUNG HOSTED USIS TAIPEI-
DEVELOPED LOW-PRICE ENGLISH TEACHING MATERIALS EXHIBIT.

EXHIBIT INCLUDED LADDER BOOKS AND WORLD TODAY CHINESE LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS MARKETED BY HSIN YA PUBLISHING CO. ABOUT 1000 VISITORS ATTENDED EXHIBIT, VAST MAJORITY (800) OF THEM STUDENTS BUT ALSO INCLUDING 80 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, 30 BUSINESSMEN/PROFESSIONALS, 20 GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES AND 20 MILITARY PERSONNEL. SALES WERE BRISK, AND ADDITIONAL COPIES OF 17 OF 46 USIS/HSIN YA TITLES HAD TO BE ORDERED ON ONLY SECOND DAY OF THE EXHIBIT. TWO-THIRDS OF 540 LADDER BOOKS SOLD. CRITICISMS OF THE EXHIBIT FROM 28 PERSONS INCLUDED: 1) INCLUDE TAPES OR RECORDS AS PART OF TEACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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MATERIALS, 2) ADD MORE TITLES ON PRONUNCIATION AND INTONATION, 3) BROADEN SCOPE OF EXHIBIT BY ADDING MORE TITLES GENERALLY. SAME EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN IN TAIPEI JANUARY 2 - 8.

-- WELL KNOWN CHINESE ART CRITIC HO CHENG-KWANG LECTURED ON ART OF ANDREW WYETH IN TAIPEI'S LINCOLN CENTER DECEMBER 23 AND DREW OVERFLOW AUDIENCE OF 330, ABOUT HALF OF THEM STUDENTS. LARGE AUDIENCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO POPULARITY OF WYETH IN TAIWAN AND OF LECTURER. IMV FILM "WYETH PHENOMENON" ACCOMPANIED LECTURE AND HO ILLUSTRATED HIS REMARKS WITH HIS EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF SLIDES ON WYETH. PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL SUPPORT OF CPM OBJECTIVE 5.

-- ON DECEMBER 18, NOTED CHINESE ART CRITIC KOO HSIEN-LIANG COMPLETED THREE-PART LECTURE SERIES ON "MODERN ART IN WEST" AT USIS TAICHUNG WITH AN INTRODUCTION OF NEW YORK SCHOOL, ITS METHODS AND PRINCIPAL ARTISTS. PROF. KOO COMBINED EFFECTIVE LECTURE TECHNIQUE WITH SLIDES TO SATISFY AUDIENCE CURIOSITY ABOUT THIS SCHOOL OF PRIMARILY AMERICAN "POP" AND "OP" PAINTERS. A 9:15 TRAIN DEPARTURE PREVENTED A FULL DISCUSSION PERIOD, BUT PROF. KOO ANSWERED A HALF-DOZEN QUESTIONS ON HIS WAY FROM PODIUM TO DOOR.

-- TEXT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S PREPARED STATEMENT ON U.S.-PRC RELATIONS SUBMITTED TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DECEMBER 17 CARRIED IN FULL BY CHINA TIMES. IPS WIRELESS FILE PUT OUT BY USIS AS FOREIGN POLICY BACKGROUNDER (B-75-64).

-- UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE POLITICAL SCIENTIST AND PROFESSOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WILLIAM BOYER GAVE SOLID SUPPORT TO POST POLITICAL/SECURITY AND U.S. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROCESSES OBJECTIVES IN EXHAUSTIVE SERIES USIS PROGRAMS IN TAIPEI AND AT BRANCH CENTERS DECEMBER 7 THROUGH 12. BOYER LECTURED ON U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM IN PROGRAMS AT ALL FOUR CENTERS AND AT TAIWAN'S ONLY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES, AND ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY AND THE ROC PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

HE TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY STRESS STRENGTHS OF U.S. POLITICAL
SYSTEM AND OF U.S. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. HE PARTICULARLY
EFFECTIVE IN RESPONDING TO INEVITABLE QUESTIONS ON U.S.
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POST-VIETNAM POLICIES IN ASIA RAISED AT NEARLY EVERY PROGRAM.
QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM POLICY STATEMENTS BY SEVERAL U.S.
PRESIDENTS AND BY SECRETARY OF STATE, BOYER GAVE DETAILED
POSITIVE AND UNAPOLOGETIC EXPLANATIONS OF THE CURRENT
DIRECTIONS IN U.S. ASIAN POLICIES. BPAO JOHN THOMSON CALLED
BOYER'S RESPONSES "THE BEST EVER GIVEN BY VOLUNTEER SPEAKER."
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